

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 21-30 have been canceled without prejudice and claims 8-10, 13, 14, 31, 37-41, 44-46 and 50 have been amended. Claims 8-20 and 31-50 remain in the application for consideration.

The amendments to the claims clarify the language of the claims and/or address minor informalities noted during review, however the amendments to the claims do not alter the scope of the claims. No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims. The amendments to the claims are supported at least by text appearing at p. 5, line 8 through p. p. 11, line 19 of the specification as originally filed.

The amendments to the specification and the drawings address informalities noted during review and are supported at least by text appearing at p. 5, line 8 through p. 11, line 19 and the drawings as originally filed. No new matter is added by the amendments to the specification and the drawings.

The amendments to the to the drawings are as shown on the marked-up-in-red copies of the drawings. The Examiner's approval is requested for the amendments to the drawings. Formal drawings are also enclosed for approval by the Chief Draftsman.


Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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This application is believed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in the event that the next office action is one other than a Notice of Allowance. The undersigned is available during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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